

RICHARD C. MILLER HELD UP BY NEGRO

Ginter Park Man Robbed of Watch and Overcoat in West End.

PURSE-SNATCHERS ARE BUSY

Negroes Attempt to Steal Bag From Mrs. Bland Spotswood Smith.

At the point of a pistol held in the hand of a negro, Richard C. Miller, of 1212 Brook Turnpike, Ginter Park, was forced to give up his overcoat and a gold watch and chain last night at 7:45 o'clock while passing on the south side of Broad Street, near the Boulevard. The highwayman escaped after the robbery, and though he was traced for a short distance by Mr. Miller and several citizens, he disappeared in the alley and had not been caught at any car house this morning. Two detectives and many uniformed officers were hard at work with the hope of capturing him.

Mr. Miller said he was on his way to pay a call and was giving but little heed to his surroundings. Suddenly, he said, the negro, apparently not more than twenty-five years old, stepped from the shadows and said:

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Holding the pistol just a few inches from Mr. Miller's face, the negro said: "Take off that coat, I want it." Mr. Miller obeyed, and as he did so the highwayman saw the glint of the watch chain hanging from his vest pocket. "Give me that watch, too," he said. Reaching for the watch and chain, Mr. Miller made an effort to grab the negro's pistol, but the negro jumped back and ran making good his escape.

Mr. Miller went to the Stuart Clinic Hospital, and from there notified the police. Bicycle Policeman Tiller was the first to arrive, and in a few minutes he was joined by Police Officers Smith and Bryant, and other officers were also quickly on the scene, but as far as could be learned there was no trace of the fugitive. Mr. Miller was able to furnish only a meager description of the highwayman.

As soon as the head of the hold-up crew had been captured, no effort was spared to capture the thief.

"Richmond has been comparatively free from the work of roadtrays," he said, "and I do not intend to permit any case of highway robbery to pass without exerting every means to effect the arrest of such criminals."

Purse-Snatchers Busy.

This morning the men who purse-snatchers are along the Western Bland Spotswood Smith reported that she was attacked on Monday night by two negroes as she was about to enter the Hanover Apartments, 100 West Franklin Street, where she resides. One of them, she said, tried

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to snatch her purse. He grabbed the chain, which dangled from her wrist, it broke, and becoming frightened, the negro fled. Mrs. Smith saved her purse. She was able to furnish good descriptions of the two men.

CITIES WIN FIGHT TO RETAIN TAX ON ROLLING STOCK

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It is plain that the rolling stock act violates Section 50 of the Constitution.

A similar question has been determined by the Supreme Court. Godwin, judge of the Corporation Court of the city of Fredericksburg, in the case of the Commonwealth against Armstrong, decided by him October 15, 1912,

that the entire State constitutes the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws.

"This section plainly provides that within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, taxes shall be uniform upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and shall be levied and collected under general laws."

"It is at once apparent that the rolling stock act violates this inhibition of the Constitution. Under it, if the Legislature undertakes to levy the tax, as we think it plainly does, then the entire State constitutes the territorial limits of the authority levying the tax, and the rolling stock act violates the principle of uniformity prescribed by the Constitution, and levies taxes upon the same class of subjects within the territorial limits upon the same class of property as there are different rates prevailing in the various counties and cities of the State in which the principal offices of the several companies are located."

Wrong From Every Viewpoint.

The commission says that it seems to be impossible to sustain the validity of the act from any point of view.

"The rolling stock act, so far as it refers to the property of the steam railroads, in our opinion," says the commission, "plainly violates Section 13 of the Constitution."

"Several other objections have been urged to the validity of the act, among them, that the rolling stock act, which was passed March 12, 1912, is repealed by the act which re-enacted Section 27 of the revenue law, approved March 12, 1912, and that because of the plain omission of certain words intended to be incorporated in the rolling stock act, the act itself is without meaning. We consider these objections serious in their nature, but do not determine them, because we think it unnecessary to do so in this proceeding."

Under the limitations imposed upon us in determining the issues raised in this proceeding, we have the right to consider questions of public policy. We have no right to consider whether the rolling stock act is wise or unwise. We are, however, required to determine what duties are, by law, required of the commission with reference to the taxation of the rolling stock of railroads. In the performances of that duty we determine that by Section 27 of the revenue law, re-enacted March 12, 1912, as heretofore construed, it is required to certify to the local authorities of each city or county in which the principal office of a steam railroad company is located, the gross amount of the assessments of the rolling stock of each of such companies, so that local taxes may be levied thereon, in the same manner as such taxes have heretofore been levied.

Does Not Affect Electric Lines.

"Nothing we have said is to be construed as questioning the constitutionality of the act so far as it refers to the rolling stock of electric railroads. The act does appear to change the sites for taxation of rolling stock of electric railways by providing for the apportionment of its assessment between the several cities and towns in which the companies operate, and requires the commission to assess and assign to each city or town its proper proportion of the assessed value thereof, in order that the local authorities may fix the proper local rate of taxation thereon. The act of the Legislature has not been questioned, and so far as we are advised, there can be no doubt that the Legislature has the power thus to deal with the subject."

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St. John's Elects Officers.

St. John's Lodge, No. 36, A. P. & A. M., last night elected the following officers: worshipful master, J. J. Mattingly; senior warden, G. L. Jeffress; junior warden, W. S. Lipscomb; secretary, Oscar J. Adams; treasurer, James C. Bowman; senior deacon, C. C. Morris; junior deacon, W. E. Jenkins; chaplain, H. C. Osterholt and C. H. Stidder; pilot, W. J. Lyman; steward committee, A. L. Barfoot and A. L. Thomas; steward, A. W. Baker; representative Masonic Home, C. E. Sheppard; representing Masonic section, J. A. Pamplin; representative relief board, C. J. Wood; and trustees, E. E. Anderson, A. G. Quarles and J. Lee Davis.

NEGRO FOUND DEAD

Will Hold Inquest Into Death of Man Found in South Richmond.

George Miller, colored, forty years old, was found dead last night at 7 o'clock at Second and Locust Streets, South Richmond, according to Dr. Westcott and Tinsley. It was thought that he may have fallen from a wagon of the Standard Oil Company, for which concern he was employed, and fractured his skull against the curbside. This fact, however, was not fully determined. Assistant Coroner Broadbent viewed the body, and said he would hold an inquest at 11 o'clock.

Yachting Commissioner.

Governor Mann yesterday appointed Robert A. Wainwright, of Norfolk, yachting commissioner from Virginia to the Panama Pacific Exposition.

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CHORUS GIRLS HOLD COATS FOR RANSOM

Twenty Sheepish Business Men March Out Upon Lyric Stage and Help Charity.

PRACTICAL JOKE VICTIMS

Rotary Club's Birthday Party for Alvin M. Smith Ends in a Scream—Gets Busy

Twenty perfectly reputable, though sheepish looking business men, all members of the Richmond Rotary Club, marched up to the stage of the Lyric Theatre last night and paid over \$1 to have the twelve silk-stockinged maidens of Gus Edwards' Song Revue open the padlocks binding their overcoats together. Those who hesitated between the prospect of a cold walk home and the public "goatling" soon swallowed their pride. The \$20 went to the Community Christmas Tree fund, and the ladies received the applause.

Included in the list of victims of the funniest practical joke, which has been pulled off in Richmond since the first badger fight, were such eminently respectable citizens as W. T. Dabney, Horace E. Smith, J. G. Corley and Alvin M. Smith. The cause of the trouble was the birthday of Alvin M. Smith, president of the Business Men's Club, director of the Chamber of Commerce, member of the Rotary Club and the prince of good fellows.

Plot Well Conceived.

With the exception of a few guilty parties, no one had an inkling of the dark and dismal plot until the regular semiannual dinner-session of the Rotary Club took up in the Lyric.

The first indication that it was a rough night for the innocent was given when the diners marched into the coatroom for their coats. The dudes were there all right, but the trouble was that they were inseparable. While the victims ate and waved merrily, some sound soul locked twenty overcoats together by means of padlocks tied around the belt.

In the face of police interference the twenty unfortunate skinned into their coats and hocked, sidestepped, crawled and scrambled up Ninth Street and into the theatre. Their coats were taken away from them there. Some clung to the wink for the Rotarians to line up around after the show, and when the lights went out the girls streeted to a thousand fragments on the stage door.

While Mr. Smith was attempting to explain to Mr. Palmytary that he really did not mind so much, it came a wheelbarrow with an enormous birthday cake bearing seventy-eight lighted candles. After much persuasion Mr. Smith consented to lift the wheelbarrow to a table. By this action he exposed a handsome cut-glass bowl and a dozen glasses concealed beneath the fake birthday cake. About the same time a huge bunch of American Beauty roses was presented to Mrs. Smith, who sat in a box and saw the entire performance.

As their names were read, the twenty owners of the tangled overcoats marched up to the stage, paid \$1 each, and received their garment from the hands of the smiling, twinkling girls of the Edwards chorus.

Broke Bowl In Presenting It.

Incident Alvin M. Smith was lured to the stage on a smooth nest, and once there was not allowed to leave until his humiliation was complete.

Backed up against the scenery, with every avenue of escape blocked, he was forced to listen to a pungent address from Mayor George Atkinson in the presentation of a cut-glass

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PHYSICIAN SCORES BROTHER DOCTORS

Norfolk, Va., December 9.—Members of the Seaboard Medical Association and physicians in general were taken to task in uncertain terms for their "negligence or rather heedlessness" of a certain class of patients. Dr. Joseph L. Spruill, of Columbia, S. C., in a speech at the opening session of the eighteenth annual meeting of that organization, said:

Dr. Spruill delivered the annual one-man speech before the association, and his speech came near the close of the session. The topic took up the subject of Cancer, Surface and the procedure to compare the treatment accorded that class of patients to that given others whose demands, though imperative at the time, were not so pressing as the needs of the chronic sufferer.

Dr. Spruill said in his eighteen years of practice he has often seen patients of that class neglected, neglected physically, because chronic sufferers are not interesting, and are hopeless as cases so far as ultimate cures are concerned.

He declared that doctors have been compelled to study the disease, and they have devoted their time and energy to the study of epidemics and acute diseases.

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followers, then spreading to the building of the First Methodist Church.

The flames damaged the Sunday school room to the amount of \$800, and threatened the church. The origin of the blaze is unknown and the damage to the laundry was small.

The Salisbury Fire Department did splendid service and saved much valuable property.

BIGAMIST SURRENDERS.

Joe M. Morgan Says He Is Tired of Dodging the Police.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Lynchburg, Va., December 9.—Joe M. Morgan, alias Marcus Gudger, has surrendered himself to the police here, saying he is wanted in Spray, N. C., on the charge of bigamy. He says he had a wife when he married a young woman in Spray under an assumed name, and that he was tired of dodging the police everywhere he goes. The Spray authorities have been notified of the arrest.

Arrest Boy for Theft.

Ollie White, a thirteen-year-old negro was arrested yesterday by Detective-Sergeant Wiley and Bicycle Policeman Reid on the charge of stealing a purse containing \$1 from Floyd Brown.

Alleged Pine Thief.

Caroline Collier, a girl, was arrested yesterday by Patrolman W. A. Smith on the charge of stealing a quantity of lead pine

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